

**Regular Town Board Meeting
August 25, 2009**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Votra, Assessor Chairman Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, CEO Rodenhouse, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire
Absent: Councilman Cook

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, John Carr, Calvin Dafoe, Laura Perry,

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 28, 2009 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Rodenhouse reported there has been a lot of activity. There has been no new home construction but there have been plenty of waste water treatment systems and remodeling projects.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the CEO report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Chairman Ferguson reported that Page Drive has been completed and they are now working on Coulon Drive. Mr. Ferguson gave an update on the lawsuit involving the National Grid properties.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor Chairman Ferguson.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported all is well in the water district this month. He did have one good sized leak by the Post Office and it has been repaired. The electrical consumption at the water plant has decreased significantly with the installation of the new water pumps.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the Water District report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that the Day Camp has finished for the year. It has been a tough year at the park with a lice breakout in the past few weeks. The Public Health Department was contacted and was very helpful with this problem. The park was also vandalized this month. The cameras at the park helped the police identify the two 16 year olds and the two minors that were involved. The park will be open through Labor Day. Mr. Woods asked the board to consider the purchase of a new lawn mower to start the next season with. Mr. Woods will report back to the board next month with price quotes and how much money is left in the park fund for the purchase of new equipment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Business:

- a.) John Carr addressed the board and gave an update on the Town Barn Project and the latest news from the USDA. To move the project along, the following resolution was adopted.

Town of Parishville
RESOLUTION No 09 - 2009

It was moved by: Kari Tremper and seconded by: Jerry Moore
that the following resolution be duly adopted.

WHEREAS:

- The Engineer has completed the design work and submitted the Plans and Bid Specifications to USDA-RD for approval, and
- The Town and Engineer believe the all of the submissions required by the USDA prior to bidding have been made in good faith by the Town and/or its consultants and advisors. However, authorization to proceed with bidding has not yet been received and
- The roof on the existing Highway Department building was damaged by wind and is in an advanced state of deterioration, including numerous leaks and will not be suitable for use this winter, and
- The Town needs to pursue the bidding process for the new building as soon as possible so that construction may be completed prior to the onset of winter. This will lessen costs associated with heating of both buildings and provide a useable facility for the Highway Department operations, and
- The proposed bidding time frame will allow the Town, acting in concert with the Engineer, to modify and supplement the Bid documents to meet the requirements of the USDA-RD by issuance of Addenda to the Bidders, and
- The Town does not wish to jeopardize the USDA funding and intends to meet all USDA requirements in this regard, including rebidding of the project, if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- That the project be advertised for Bids as per the attached Advertisement and the USDA-RD be informed of the Town's reasons and intentions by letter, including a copy of this Resolution
Supervisor Moore-Aye, Councilwoman Robinson-Aye, Councilwoman Tremper- Aye, Councilman Votra- Aye, Councilman Cook- Absent
Resolution adopted.

- b.) Councilman Votra gave the board the latest update on the pending Verizon Cell Tower project. There was discussion about the proposed site for the tower.
- c.) Supervisor Moore reviewed a letter received from the Town of Clifton asking for support as explained in the following resolution and discussed by the board.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 08-2009
OF THE TOWN OF PARISHVILLE
SUPPORTING ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY COMPLETING THE TAX
FORECLOSURE ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE J & L SITE
IN THE TOWN OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, property taxes have not been paid on the property known as J & L site in the Town of Clifton since 1994, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County commenced a Tax foreclosure in 2005 in St. Lawrence County Court (Index No. 1115624) for delinquent taxes for 2003 upon the J & L property identified as Tax Map Parcel 214.000-4-2, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Court granted an order giving St. Lawrence County temporary *incidents of ownership* and staying the foreclosure proceeding as to that parcel, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has contracted with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) under State Assistance Contract #302997 as amended for an Environmental Restoration Project for the parcel, and

WHEREAS, a municipality which enters into and complies with such State Assistance Contract receives liability limitation and indemnification provided in Environmental Conservation Law Section 56-0509, so long as it complies with subdivision (2) of said Section 56-0509, and

WHEREAS, a municipality must own the property to receive said limitation of liability and indemnification provisions, and

WHEREAS, future development including subdivision of the parcel would benefit the environment and become an economic benefit to the Clifton-Fine area, St. Lawrence County, and New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Clifton and Fine, the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp, the Adirondack Park Agency, the Adirondack Mountain Club, and the D.E.C. support efforts to remediate the site,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Parishville supports the resolution before the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators to complete the tax foreclosure proceeding on the J & L Site in the Town of Clifton.

Vote:

Supervisor Moore- Aye
Councilwoman Robinson- Aye
Councilwoman Tremper- Aye
Councilman Votra- - Aye
Councilman Cook- -Absent

Resolution adopted.

- d.) The trial issue for a quarterly newsletter was reviewed. The board approved the letter and expressed appreciation to the Town Clerk for putting this newsletter together. It will be put in key locations throughout the town and also put on the town website.
- e.) Councilwoman Tremper gave her latest report on the transfer station and the rising costs and options that may be available. This subject was discussed at length. Legislator Laura Perry offered her assistance to Councilwoman Tremper in working on this issue.
- f.) Legislator Laura Perry addressed the board and gave an update on things happening at the county level. Ms. Perry stated that she frequented the Parishville Park this summer and said what a great experience it was. She also said that it is a great asset for the town and thoroughly enjoyed by many people.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported that the 2009-2010 Snow and Ice Agreement with St. Lawrence County is ready to be approved and signed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the 2009 Snow and Ice Agreement with St. Lawrence County.

All in favor.

Replacement of the roof on the Town Barn that was damaged by the wind was discussed. The French drains were installed on the Old Potsdam Parishville Road, the road sand will be all done this week and the mulch will be made this week to fill the holes along the sides of the roads as needed.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

All in favor.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills as follows:

General Account Bills: \$16,734.14

Highway Account Bills: \$20,222.83

Water District No. 1 Bills: \$9,852.56

Payrolls:

General: 07/30/09 (\$3,580.18), 08/06/09 (\$3,261.89), 08/13/09 (\$26,414.83), 08/20/09 (\$3,261.89)

Highway: 07/30/09 (\$6,767.68), 08/06/09 (\$6,805.15), 08/13/09 (\$6,805.17), 08/20/09 (\$6,805.15)

Water: 07/30/09 (\$52.75), 08/13/09 (\$131.12)

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Next Audit Date: September 22, 2009- Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson, Councilman Votra

Regular Meeting Date: September 22, 2009- 7:30 PM

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk